



# CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Over 2500 boxes like this were given



Too full to sneak across



Each vehicle bathed in fervent prayer



Lots of work, but lots of fun too

## *Thank You for Giving!*

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the photos in this issue should speak volumes! Much work takes place behind the scenes with each box, multiplied by thousands of times. From the person who shopped for the gifts to the pastor or missionary who puts them into the hands of a needy child, every box is needed and appreciated. This year we were blown away to receive over 2500 boxes! What a blessing for so many children!

It's not only shoebox gifts that went out to our border communities up and down the river and as far into Mexico as poor settlements surrounding Creel, Cuauhtemoc, Huajumar, Delicias, Torreon. We sat with a Christian brother from Durango who told us we have no idea how far-reaching an impact *Cruzando Fronteras* (Crossing Borders) is making for the neediest of people. As our pastoral friends make their own mission trips to the interior for Christmas, they are loaded with the donations so many of you have generously given — beans, rice, flour, blankets, coats, shoes, Bibles, even medicines for a clinic.

Of course you're probably thinking about the problems they've had in crossing at the international bridges. Those problems remain, but God has been faithful to answer the prayers of us all. Every vehicle is prayed over, as we acknowledge God as the Source of everything we send out. We pray that the eyes of those with wicked intent be spiritually blinded to all His provision for the poor as it passes by. We pray that the hearts and minds of the various officials that inspect them along the way will be softened to the needs of their own poor. And we pray that the love and salvation found in Christ will be manifested to those who receive the blessings He has provided for them.

Thank you to each and everyone who has given of their time, talent, and money during this Christmas season to make someone else's life a little brighter and better. We really couldn't do all we do without you! While we can't name everybody we do want to thank Tri-County Association of churches for their collective delivery of over 1000 shoeboxes, as well as the Lamesa Association for bringing over 600. We are equally grateful to the individual churches who promoted our shoebox drive and personally delivered them to us, and also to our friends farther away who mailed or shipped their boxes to us.

We also thank Glen Meadows Baptist in San Angelo, TX for the big delivery they brought on trucks and trailers. They literally turn heads and stop traffic when they come pulling in! And thanks and blessings to George Hughes for his monthly deliveries of beans, peanut butter, and so much more; to John Dalton & FBC Cloudcroft for their biweekly bean deliveries since we began; to Greg & Dara Beard & the Grace of Giving team, who have faithfully delivered rice & every imaginable grocery every month every year since 2004. And as we've surely failed to mention everyone who should be mentioned PLEASE forgive us! The LORD knows who you are & will bless you beyond measure!

Most certainly, we couldn't have done any of this without our army of volunteers who processed boxes! Many thanks to Fred & Nanette Keith, Trina, Eric, FBC Cloudcroft, Mayhill Baptist, La Luz Bible Church, Alamogordo Ladies' Bible Group, Pastor Enrique, Nena, Mariano, Esteban, and the Sandoval family. Most of all thank you, Jesus, for giving us the Reason for this Season!

Finally, we wish you a blessed Merry Christmas, and look forward to what God has in store for us all in 2017! We pray you will continue to support us and this ministry as faithfully as you have in the past, as we walk this faith-journey together!



*Mercy to the needy is a loan  
to God, and God pays back  
those loans in full!*

*Proverbs 19:17 - The Message*



## October & November

Thank you to all our friends in the Lamesa Baptist Association for making us feel so welcome at their annual meeting in October. Every time we visit, y'all make us feel as if we've just come home!

After being in Lamesa, we also had a chance to visit with Joan's dad in San Angelo, TX. He really perks up when his "girls" come to see him! Joan's birthday was at that time and he felt good enough to even go out for a birthday lunch. Please keep him in prayer as he deals with continued health issues. Some may remember that Bro. Ralph pastored at FBC Fabens years ago.

Speaking of pastors, congratulations to our current FBC pastor, Enrique Ornelas, on his ordination Sunday Nov. 20! It was overdue in coming, and affirms to everyone the Lord's calling of this humble man of God.

And Sunday Nov. 27 FBC Fabens celebrated its 93rd Anniversary. Many pastors and missionaries have served through all those years, and we are blessed to be missionaries serving here now. We look forward to being a part of God's plans for the church & community in the years to come.

**CBM Closed for Christmas Break  
December 21 - January 6**



Food boxes by the trailer load from the San Angelo team led by Perry Rollins



Corney & Evie from Lamesa helping a brother from SA haul frozen meat

This is CBM's 16th Christmas! Sending the love of Jesus in every box



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

*Thank you for all your love and support!*



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**Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of this ministry!**

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Donations made through FBC Fabens are tax deductible, so please make your check payable to:  
Fabens First Baptist Church

Include a note to specify your gift for missionary support of Elfi and/or Joan or for CBM's General Fund

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